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PATENT

Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06999.0009-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1632
Austin SMITH et al.)
Serial No.: 09/686,880) Examiner: Shin Lin Chen
Filed: October 12, 2000) Confirmation No.: 5994
For: LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS)
AND PROGENITOR CELLS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, the period for response having been extended to June 27, 2004 by a request for extension of time for one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.